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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) was formed in 1976, through the vision of the partners, to provide the same variety of recreation services for those with disabilities as the services available to the general public; and

WHEREAS, From humble beginnings in 1977, when the first summer day camp was offered, NEDSRA now provides more than 600 programs and services to more than 4,000 separate individuals; and

WHEREAS, After more than 33 years of dedicated service, Executive Director Larry Reiner is retiring as the leader of NEDSRA on November 5, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Over the past three to four decades, the public has increasingly come to better understand and embrace people with disabilities, and as this understanding has grown, so has the need for special parks and recreation services; and

WHEREAS, Larry thrived on this challenge, and under his direction, NEDSRA has become one of the country's best agencies at providing parks and recreation programs and services to individuals with a special need; and

1           WHEREAS, NEDSRA has received numerous State and national  
2 awards, twice receiving the National Gold Medal for Excellence  
3 in Park and Recreation Management; and

4           WHEREAS, NEDSRA is financially sound, and due to Larry's  
5 excellent leadership and passion for making NEDSRA the best it  
6 can be, the agency's programs, services, and staff are strong;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, Thanks to the steadfast support of the  
9 Association's member agencies, participants, parents, friends,  
10 and families, other individuals, local and State  
11 organizations, and Larry and the dedicated NEDSRA staff, the  
12 agency has grown and prospered over the years; and

13           WHEREAS, The NEDSRA Board and Staff will be celebrating  
14 Larry's legacy on October 20, 2010 at the Medinah Shrine Center  
15 in Addison; and

16           WHEREAS, Larry's vision and dedication to people with  
17 disabilities has been second to none throughout his remarkable  
18 career; therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 wish Larry Reiner well in his retirement and thank him for his  
2 many years of dedicated service to the NEDSRA family; and be it  
3 further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to Larry Reiner with our gratitude and esteem.